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Maricopa County Financial & Personnel Results Report 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2000-01 Prepared by the Office of Management & Budget

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# MARICOPA COUNTY OFFICIALS

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#### INTRODUCTION

Achieving Countywide strategic performance results, increasing employee job satisfaction and providing a better quality of life for employees, requires successful financial and personnel resource accountability. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial and Personnel Results Report for FY 2000-01 provides management with the tools necessary to achieve organization objectives and measurable results in order to assess emerging personnel trends and make informed decisions. Accomplishment of personnel strategies and improvement of accountability processes requires successful management of funded positions, administration and control of staffing resources and financial and personnel decisionmaking based upon accurate and timely data. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) works to provide this information and ensure full funding for all positions through the Funded Position Policy and the Lump Sum Budgeting Guidelines used in preparation of the annual budget.

Maricopa County's financial and personnel resource strategies focus on the recruitment and retention of productive employees. Retaining highly productive and accomplished employees requires alignment of employee performance with a personal commitment and cooperation in attaining Countywide objectives. Crucial elements of these processes include:

- Compensation, including wages, benefits and employee leave programs.
- Development of employee relations programs.
- Ongoing development and maintenance of programs, processes, services, resources, and training to enhance the health, morale, productivity, and organizational knowledge of employees Countywide.

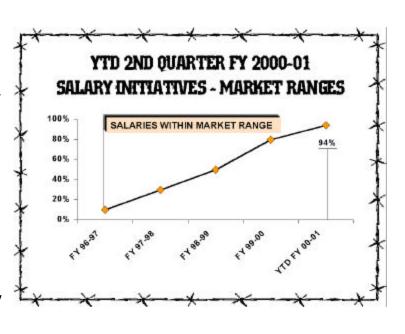
Information concerning departments with small numbers of employees (less than 25) should be used with extreme caution. A change of one or two vacancies, positions or terminations reflects a higher percentage change than those same movements within larger departments. These higher percentage changes may or may not reflect significant issues within these smaller departments.

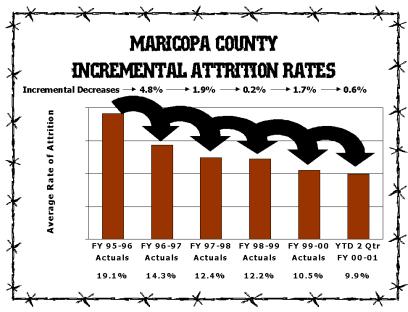
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# **SECOND QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS**

As of December 31, 2000, 94% of the average County salary was within market range. This figure is anticipated to be closer to 100% by the end of FY 2000-01. approximately one year earlier than been outlined under Maricopa County Compensation Plan of 1997. Attaining a level of pay for all employees that is relative to current market pay-rates resolves significant problems that hindered the County's ability to and retain quality attract a workforce.





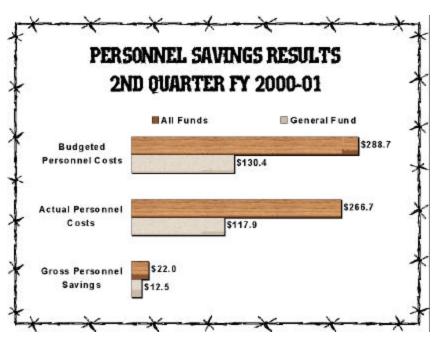
The chart at left provides average rates annual attrition<sup>1</sup> and incremental decreases in attrition rates since tracking began in FY 1995-96. Average Countywide attrition, or turnover, is at its lowest peak. The year-to-date 2<sup>nd</sup> guarter FY 2000-01 reduction in attrition shows a slowing trend that may be a reflection of the slowing economy combined with factors such as pay equity, recruitment and retention strategies, etc. Significant strides have been

made in reducing attrition while continuing to maintain a competitive edge in the local labor market. Achieving these business results allows the County to focus its resources on other issues in order to increase the quality of life for its employees and citizens alike.

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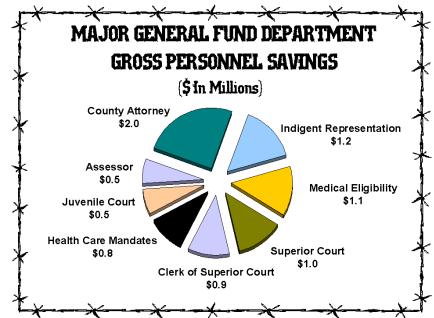
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Maricopa County attrition rates for FY 2000-01 do not include the Maricopa Integrated Health System (MIHS). The MIHS personnel tracking system uses full-time equivalents, (FTE's), instead of positions, causing a skewing of attrition rates.

Maricopa County's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY 2000-01 gross actual *personnel savings*<sup>2</sup> for all funds (excluding grants) of \$22.0 million represents a 7.6% savings over budget. General Fund 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter gross actual personnel savings of \$12.5 million represents a 9.6% savings over budget.



The chart at left compares 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY 2000-01 personnel savings results for all funds (excluding grants) to those of the General Fund.

The chart at right shows General Fund departments with the highest 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY 2000-01 gross actual personnel savings.

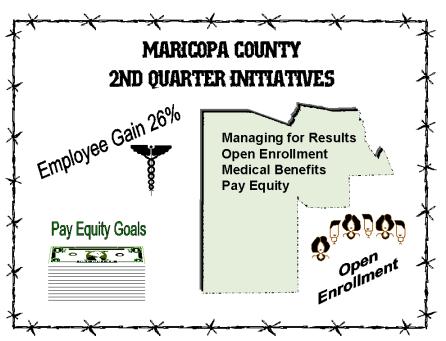


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Personnel savings are grouped by fund in this document. The General Fund is a general operating fund set-up to account for the resources and uses of general governmental operations of the County. Taxes provide most of these resources. Enterprise funds are accounted for in a method similar to private business enterprise, where user fees are intended to recover expenditures. Special Revenue Funds are restricted to use by statute and local policy. The personnel savings section of this document places emphasis upon General Fund personnel savings. This fund has the greatest impact upon the citizens of Maricopa County. All other sections of this document which make reference to personnel savings include all funds (excluding grants).

Open enrollment for employee benefits proved successful during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter as the County continued its efforts to automate this process. 5,793 employees utilized the County's Electronic Business Center, 2,040 logged into the Internet to process enrollment changes and the remaining employees submitted paper changes.

Although attraction and retention of employees in this tight market is of concern, there is also a cost factor to consider when attempting to control otherwise runaway expenses. A significant impact upon the County and it's employees relates to the cost of medical benefits. These costs have risen expotentially over the last several years.

Maricopa County takes a competitive stance in regards to medical insurance benefits. For the contract year 2001, the County absorbed a 26.3% increase from the prior year in annual medical insurance rates for comparable benefits.



As seen on the chart at left, Maricopa County's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter initiatives include Managing for Results (MfR) ongoing components<sup>3</sup>, open enrollment, renewal of medical insurance and other benefit contracts, and pay equity.

Maricopa County encourages fiscal responsibility at all levels. The ability to measure strategic financial and personnel results enables management to make informed decisions. The MfR initiative increases the potential for attaining success and promoting a climate where employees are provided personal and career growth opportunities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Information regarding Managing for Results (MfR) components may be found in the New Directions section of this document.

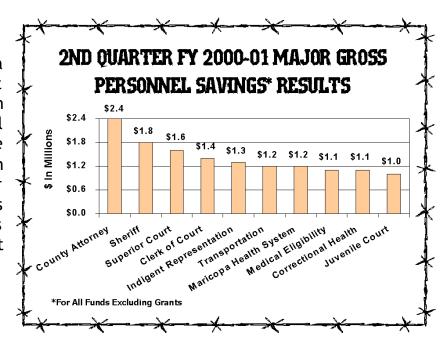


### Personnel Costs & Savings

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY 2000-01 actual <u>personnel costs</u> for *all funds*<sup>4</sup> total \$266.7 million and gross actual *personnel savings* for all funds total \$22.0 million. Gross actual personnel savings represent 8.2% of <u>total personnel costs</u>. The table below compares actual personnel savings to budget.

MARICOPA COUNTY 2ND QUARTER YEAR-TO-DATE FY 2000-01 PERSONNEL SAVINGS - ALL FUNDS						
					Net Actual	% Net Actual
Total Budget	Actual Personnel	Gross Actual	% Gross Actual	Budgeted	Savings	Savings/
Personnel Costs	Costs	Personnel	Savings/ Total	Personnel	(Above	Budgeted
		Savings	Budget	Savings	Budget)	Savings
\$288,714,045	\$266,743,296	\$21,970,749	7.6%	\$8,438,987	\$13,531,762	160.7%

The chart at right provides a glimpse of the financial impact individual departments have on total personnel the gross savings of \$22.0 million. The 10 major departments shown represent \$14.1 million 64.1% of the total gross personnel savings, which leaves \$7.9 million divided amongst the remaining 49 departments.



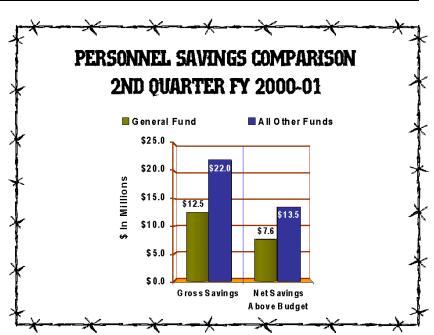
Personnel savings result when positions remain vacant, the actual pay of a position's incumbent is lower than budgeted, or when compensation plan funding remains unused.

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  "All funds" as referenced in this document refers to <u>all funds excluding grants</u>.

The table below breaks-out the major departmental savings as a percent of the total gross personnel savings. 57.5% of total gross personnel savings occurred in 9 of a total 59 departments.

2ND QUARTER FY 2000-01 MAJOR GROSS PERSONNEL SAVINGS FOR ALL FUNDS					
Department	Gross Personnel Savings	% of Total Personnel Savings			
County Attorney	\$2.4 Million	10.9%			
Sheriff's Office	\$1.8 Million	8.2%			
Superior Court	\$1.6 Million	7.2%			
Indigent Representation	\$1.3 Million	5.9%			
Transportation	\$1.2 Million	5.4%			
Maricopa Health System	\$1.2 Million	5.4%			
Medical Eligibility	\$1.1 Million	5.0%			
Correctional Health	\$1.1 Million	5.0%			
Juvenile Court	\$1.0 Million	4.5%			

The chart at right provides a comparison of gross personnel savings to net savings above budget for the General Fund vs. all funds.

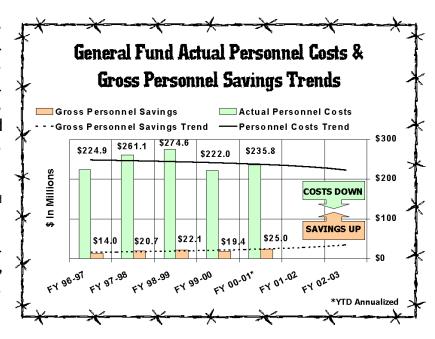


2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY 2000-01 actual *General Fund* personnel costs total \$117.9 million and gross actual *personnel savings* for the General Fund total \$12.5 million. Gross actual personnel savings represent 10.6% of <u>actual personnel costs</u>, whereas the chart below compares actual personnel savings to budget. The \$7.7 million in net actual savings (above budget) equates to a 5.9% variance to total budgeted personnel costs.

MARICOPA COUNTY 2ND QUARTER YEAR-TO-DATE FY 2000-01 PERSONNEL SAVINGS GENERAL FUND						
Total Budget Actual Personnel Gross Actual Personnel Costs Costs Personnel Savings Actual Savings Budget Savings Savings Savings Budget Savings Budget Savings Budget Savings Savings Savings						
\$130,452,455	\$117,937,342	\$12,515,113	9.6%	\$4,847,924	\$7,667,189	158.3%

The chart at right shows trends in General Fund actual personnel costs and gross personnel savings. General Fund actual personnel costs continue on a downward trend as the personnel savings trend continues to increase.

The table below shows 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter YTD FY 2000-01 General Fund personnel savings by department, excluding General Government.



	GROSS BUDGET	ACTUAL	GROSS	BUDGETED	NET ACTUAL	GROSS ACTUAL
	PERSONNEL	PERSONNEL	PERSONNEL	PERSONNEL	PERSONNEL	VARIANCE
AGENCY NAME	COSTS	COSTS	SAVINGS	SAVINGS	SAVINGS	TO BUDGET
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 1	107,819	104,688	3,131	-	3,131	2.9%
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 2	96,211	93,293	2,918	-	2,918	3.0%
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 3	104,284	95,069	9,215	-	9,215	8.8%
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 4	96,786	86,697	10,089	-	10,089	10.4%
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 5	102,458	94,609	7,849	-	7,849	7.7%
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLERK	171,972	153,050	18,922	-	18,922	11.0%
ADULT PROBATION	4,952,608	4,741,435	211,173	179,996	31,177	4.3%
ASSESSOR	6,293,099	5,758,796	534,303	332,716	201,587	8.5%
COUNTY CALL CENTER	585,448	502,513	82,935	29,924	53,011	14.2%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	57,675	48,421	9,254	-	9,254	16.0%
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT	9,208,342	8,298,746	909,596	396,970	512,626	9.9%
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	902,700	766,768	135,932	44,711	91,221	15.1%
COUNTY ATTORNEY	20,062,872	18,020,469	2,042,403	668,313	1,374,090	10.2%
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	544,608	395,217	149,391	16,617	132,774	27.4%
ELECTIONS	2,051,514	1,980,745	70,769	6,141	64,628	3.4%
HUMAN SERVICES	175,295	184,822	(9,527)	-	(9,527)	(5.4%)
INTERNAL AUDIT	430,555	372,873	57,682	4,998	52,684	13.4%
JUSTICE COURTS	6,028,866	5,678,121	350,745	225,000	125,745	5.8%
CONSTABLES	703,201	676,874	26,327	-	26,327	3.7%
JUVENILE COURT	4,770,796	4,226,777	544,019	139,067	404,952	11.4%
MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY	5,232,049	4,138,460	1,093,589	294,433	799,156	20.9%
MEDICAL EXAMINER	1,498,346	1,323,124	175,222	76,369	98,853	11.7%
RECREATION SERVICES	571,254	568,234	3,020	18,778	(15,758)	0.5%
HUMAN RESOURCES	1,511,399	1,439,444	71,955	27,540	44,415	4.8%
INDIGENT REPRESENTATION	13,093,827	11,874,762	1,219,065	469,465	749,600	9.3%
PUBLIC FIDUCIARY	778,097	702,731	75,366	18,798	56,568	9.7%
PLANNING & TRAINING	295,107	234,815	60,292	2,412	57,880	20.4%
RECORDER	690,271	549,216	141,055	20,274	120,781	20.4%
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	712,650	674,780	37,870	-	37,870	5.3%
SUPERIOR COURT	16,532,825	15,524,337	1,008,488	644,043	364,445	6.1%
HEALTH CARE MANDATES	1,501,351	705,690	795,661	38,314	757,347	53.0%
OFFICE OF THE CIO	1,925,582	1,710,216	215,366	66,731	148,635	11.2%
TREASURER	1,314,744	1,186,384	128,360	51,088	77,272	9.8%
JUDICIAL MANDATES	1,065,124	789,957	275,167	33,308	241,859	25.8%
MANAGEMENT & BUDGET	696,441	647,023	49,418	11,582	37,836	7.1%
SHERIFF	17,562,183	17,142,671	419,512	687,168	(267,656)	2.4%
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	3,911,091	3,550,104	360,987	199,022	161,965	9.2%
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT	654,094	590,072	64,022	29,304	34,718	9.8%
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES	61,007	-	61,007	-	61,007	100.0%
PUBLIC HEALTH	2,226,676	1,966,699	259,977	101,400	158,577	11.7%
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	235,660	228,322	7,338	13,442	(6,104)	3.1%
	129,516,887	117,827,024	11,689,863	4,847,924	6,841,939	9.0%

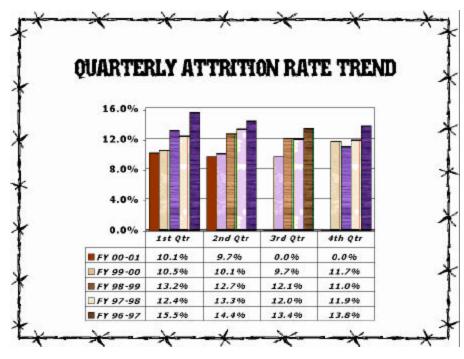


#### **ATTRITION**

Maricopa County's rate of attrition, or turnover, year-to-date as of December 31, 2000 was 9.9%<sup>5</sup>. Actual 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter attrition was 9.7%, the lowest quarterly rate<sup>6</sup> of attrition in the past five years. A marked decrease in attriton Countywide has occurred since FY 1995-96. The formula used to calculate Maricopa County's attrition rates compares the number of vacant positions to total authorized positions<sup>7</sup>.

As demonstrated on the chart at right, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter attrition rates tend to be lower than the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of each fiscal year. This is primarily due to the filling of vacant positions during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, thus, offsetting increases in budgeted positions effective as of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of each year.

Maricopa County's retention continues to improve in this price-



competitive market. Continuing declines in attrition may be attributed to a push towards competitive employee remuneration and employee satisfaction. The County's retention strategies offset the affects of continued low unemployment coupled with sustained increases in population that tend to increase competition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Attrition calculations do not include the Maricopa Integrated Health System due to their change from position count methodology to full time equivalents.

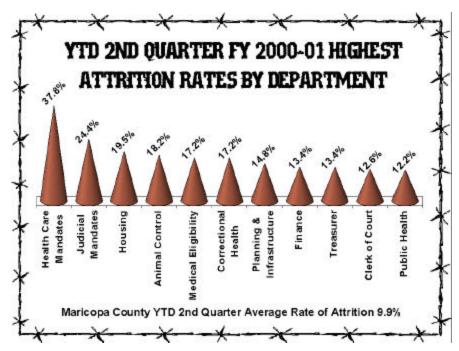
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Also equal to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter rate of attrition during FY 99-00.

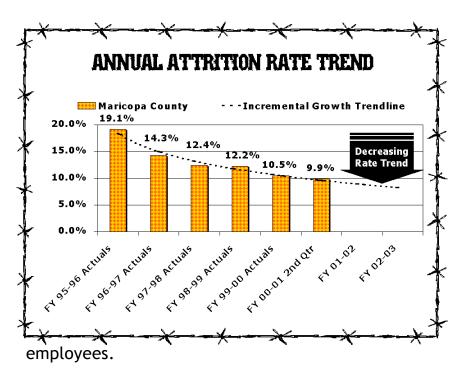
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Total authorized positions represent the total positions authorized through the budget process.

The most significant results, the decline in employee attrition over the past five years, show *average* annual attrition rates falling from a high of 19.1% in FY 1995-96 to a low of 9.9% YTD FY 2000-01. This reflects a reduction of 9.2 basis points. Maricopa County departments with average annual attrition at or higher than the 9.9% average are compared to the FY 1999-00 average attrition on the table below, including basis point reductions or increases in attrition.

Department	FY 99-00 Avg. Attrition	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. FY 00-01 Avg. Attrition	Lower(Higher)
Library District	25.3%	13.1%	12.2
Medical Eligibility	20.9%	17.6%	3.3
Finance	20.2%	13.4%	6.8
Treasurer	14.8%	13.3%	1.5
Public Health	13.5%	12.2%	1.3
Call Center	13.3%	7.6%	5.7
Recorder	13.2%	12.1%	1.1
Facilities Management	10.7%	5.3%	5.4
Superior Court	10.5%	7.6%	2.9
Sheriff	10.5%	8.8%	1.7
Indigent Representation	10.3%	10.4%	(0.1)
Clerk of Superior Court	10.2%	12.6%	(2.4)
Transportation	10.2%	11.4%	(1.2)
Planning & Infrastructure	9.9%	14.8%	(4.9)

Departments with more than 25 employees, showing the highest rates of attrition over the yearto-date 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter average attrition rate of 9.9% are shown on the chart at right. Issues are being addressed to reduce the relatively high turnover in these departments.





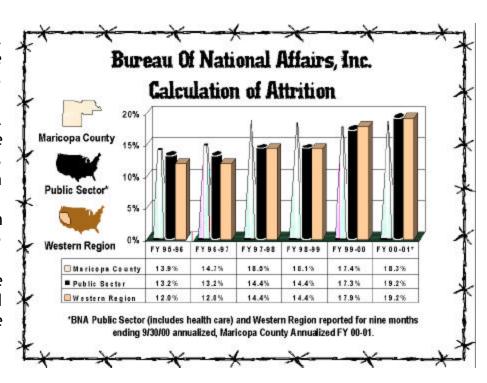
Maricopa County's average annual attrition rate trend (including the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY 2000-01) has declined by over 50% since FY 1995-96. The decreasing rates attrition are attributed to increases in the number of positions actively recruited combined with reductions in vacant positions, increases in the number of positions authorized in the budget combined process, Countywide efforts to recruit and retain productive

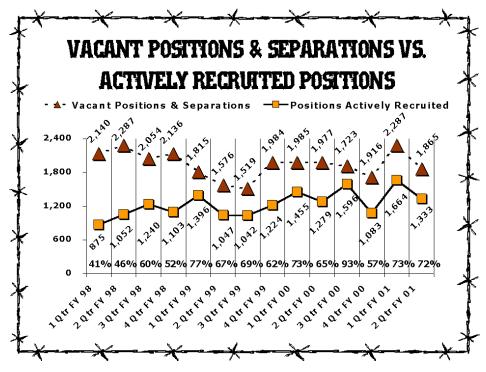
Attrition may be directly related to employee satisfaction. Employee issues are addressed through employee satisfaction survey results annually. Maricopa County continues to place an emphasis on employee compensation through market equity. Salary surveys are conducted to ensure the County is competitive in the local labor market, to name but one of the many ongoing initiatives to retain capable and responsible staff.

Maricopa County utilizes another source and methodology in calculating attrition in order to measure itself against other comparable employers. The source is the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., (BNA). BNA's formula differs from Maricopa County's calculation of attrition because BNA compares the number of *separations* to the average number of regular *positions filled* and annualized. BNA turnover rates do not include reductions-in-force. BNA surveys human resource and employee relations executives representing organizations throughout the United States.

The September 14, 2000 edition of the BNA, Inc., *Bulletin To Management*, states that employee retention continues to negatively impact the workforce nationwide. Turnover in the non-manufacturing sector has exceeded levels among non-business establishments, according to the BNA, which have posted the highest separation rates for most of the survey's 26 year history.

The chart at right provides a glimpse of the attrition nationwide, as compared to Maricopa County<sup>8</sup>. The **BNA** calculated County rate attrition of substantially lower than the rest of the nation. mav be an indication of the County's push towards competitive employee combined remuneration with employee satisfaction.





The chart at left shows the number of positions vacant at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and separations occuring throughout the quarter, as compared to the total number of positions actively during recruited the quarter. The percent of positions recruited is also reflected on the chart. This data assists management determining the impact of recruitment efforts on attrition.

Attrition is an indication of how well employers hold on to their employees. Maricopa County continues to examine employee issues in combination with recruitment and retention efforts in order to stem the tide of attrition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Attrition calculations do not include the Maricopa Integrated Health System due to their change from position count methodology to full-time equivalents.

# MARICOPA COUNTY FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESULTS REPORT 2ND QUARTER FY 2000-01 MARICOPA COUNTY ATTRITION RATE CALCULATIONS BY DEPARTMENT

(Excluding General Government and Maricopa Integrated Health System)

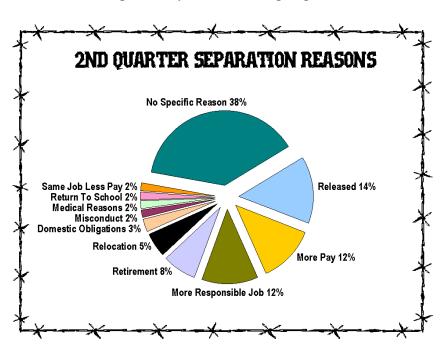
	2ND QTR FY 2001	YTD 2ND QTR FY 2001	YTD 2ND QTR FY 2001 ANNUALIZED
	COUNTY CALCULATED	COUNTY CALCULATED	BNA CALCULATED
AGENCY NAME	ATTRITION	ATTRITION	ATTRITION
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 2	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 3	0.00%	0.00%	0.009
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 4	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 5	0.00%	12.50%	0.009
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLERK	14.29%	7.14%	0.00%
ADULT PROBATION	7.96%	7.98%	12.74%
ASSESSOR	8.87%	8.10%	14.09%
COUNTY CALL CENTER	9.09%	7.58%	33.33%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT	12.80%	12.56%	25.28%
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	10.53%	13.37%	5.88%
COUNTY ATTORNEY	8.50%	8.06%	23.47%
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	18.75%	15.63%	15.38%
ELECTIONS	3.70%	5.56%	19.23%
HUMAN SERVICES	9.76%	8.54%	26.25%
INTERNAL AUDIT	6.25%	9.38%	13.33%
JUSTICE COURTS	5.76%	6.11%	14.39%
CONSTABLES	0.00%	1.67%	6.67%
CORRECTIONAL HEALTH	17.70%	17.22%	23.26%
JUVENILE PROBATION	7.91%	7.66%	13.57%
MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY	16.10%	17.60%	26.94%
MEDICAL EXAMINER	8.62%	8.01%	22.64%
RECREATION SERVICES	5.56%	10.56%	21.18%
HUMAN RESOURCES	4.29%	6.43%	5.97%
INDIGENT REPRESENTATION PUBLIC FIDUCIARY	9.80% 11.76%	10.37% 8.82%	15.65% 20.00%
PLANNING & TRAINING	18.18%	9.09%	0.00%
RECORDER	11.43%	12.14%	29.03%
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	10.00%	6.67%	44.44%
SUPERIOR COURT	8.53%	7.63%	21.49%
HEALTH CARE MANDATES	42.31%	37.82%	66.67%
CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITIES	20.00%	20.00%	0.00%
OFFICE OF THE CIO	4.62%	6.15%	6.45%
INTEGRATED CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFO. SYS.	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%
TREASURER	12.50%	13.28%	25.00%
PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE	12.38%	14.76%	6.52%
JUDICIAL MANDATES	26.83%	24.39%	6.67%
RESEARCH & REPORTING	11.11%	10.56%	0.00%
MANAGEMENT & BUDGET	10.53%	15.79%	47.06%
SHERIFF	8.91%	8.78%	16.48%
TRANSPORTATION	11.26%	11.38%	11.38%
LIBRARY DISTRICT	12.69%	13.06%	22.22%
HOUSING	14.06%	19.53%	29.09%
SOLID WASTE GENERAL	8.33%	12.50%	0.00%
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT	5.83%	5.38%	10.48%
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	7.80%	7.56%	13.76%
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT	7.89%	5.26%	17.14%
EQUIPMENT SERVICES	1.59%	2.38%	9.68%
RISK MANAGEMENT	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	11.90%	10.71%	16.22%
STADIUM DISTRICT MLB	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES	17.93%	18.15%	55.46%
PUBLIC HEALTH	12.50%	12.24%	25.18%
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	8.36%	7.28%	16.67%
TOTAL	S 9.72%	9.93%	18.349

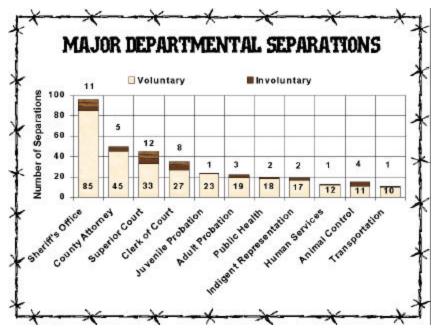


#### **EMPLOYEE RETENTION**

Maricopa County's retention strategies rely upon maintaining a productive and satisfied employee base, ensuring employee satisfaction at a personal and corporate level. This requires aligning employee performance with a personal commitment and cooperation in achieving and maintaining Countywide strategic goals.

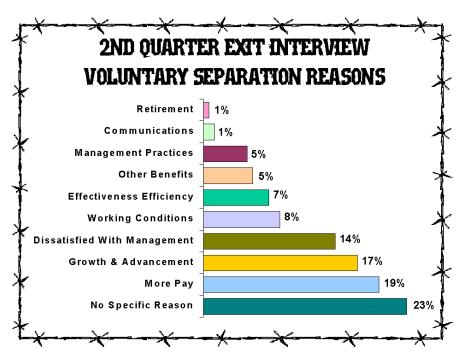
Maricopa County strives to maintain a highly competitive stance in the labor marketplace todav. **Evaluating** the County's personnel retention through programs measurable performance results in such areas as employee separations plays a crucial role in identifying employee needs. The chart at right provides the top separation reasons given by employees upon separation during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.





2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY 2000-01 separations total 468 or 4.3% of current positions filled. The departments showing the largest number of separations are provided on the chart at left, and are divided into the two separation categories, voluntary and involuntary.

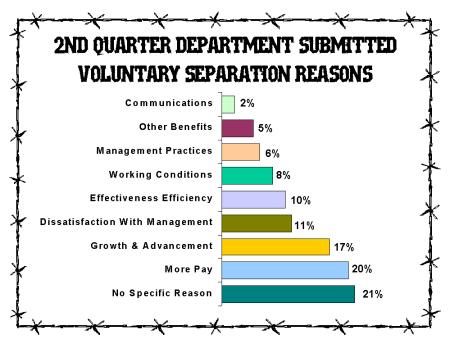
Separations play a major role in identifying employee needs. By examining separation reasons, management is able to address current issues, increase employee satisfaction and stem the tide of employees leaving the County voluntarily. Information provided by separating employees is a critical factor in improving the work environment, quality of work generated and customer satisfaction.



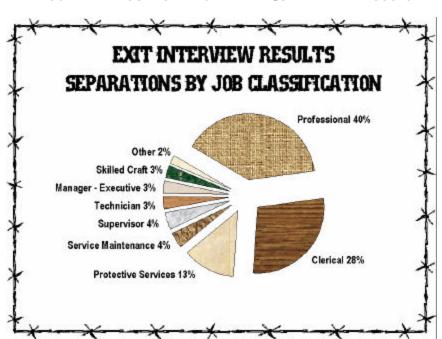
The chart at left provides the top separation reasons given by employees after separating through the exit interview process. performed by the County's Research and Reporting department. This chart can be compared to the chart below, which represents department submitted separation reasons. At the time of separation, employees provide department management with a separation reason.

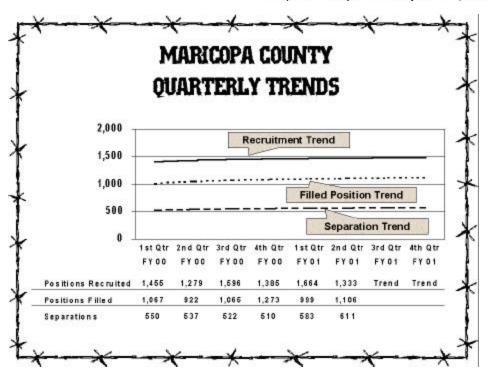
Separation reasons, as shown on both charts, represent voluntary separations only.

The chart at right does not include retirement due to its representing less than one-half of one percent of the total.



The chart at right indicates the job classification of separating employees, as obtained through exit interviews.





Another of measure retention success demonstrated through the trend results provided on the chart at left. The separation trend is relatively flat for the last two guarters of FY 2000-01. The trend indicating the of positions number that are filled shows a slight increase<sup>9</sup>, as well as recruitment efforts that may also play a significant role in filling created newly positions.

It is incumbent upon management to analyze employee separation reasons in order to develop retention strategies. Successful employee retention results require knowledge of employee issues, knowledge of the competition in the local job market and a management team that is equipped to assess emerging personnel trends in order to promote a climate where employees are provided personal and career growth opportunities.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The number of authorized positions is increasing through the budget process, creating more vacant positions to be filled.



#### **New Directions**

Maricopa County's Managing for Results (MfR) process assists in identifying major financial and personnel initiatives and results. The process affects every level of County government. The MfR process is a cyclical process. The process is currently moving from the *planning for results* phase, incorporating missions, goals and measures into employee performance plans, to *budgeting for results*. The budgeting phase provides the County with clearly identified financial plans, resource allocations and service demands through the performance budgeting process.

The chart at right identifies the highlights of the MfR phases in the cyclical process.

The reporting results phase will be implemented at the start of FY 2001-02. Once results available, the are evaluating results phase will begin. Maricopa County will then review performance measures just prior to the FY 2002-03 budget process as the cycle begins again.



A training roll-out plan of the Managing for Results <sup>10</sup> (MfR) Performance Management System is being designed to align employee performance, evaluation and rewards to results. Using measurable program and process results uniformly across all departments provides management with the tools necessary for making informed decisions regarding the use of its resources. It also provides a platform for determining our stance in the local labor market.

Maricopa County's personnel resource focus is aimed at preserving an environment that is ripe for employee career growth and personal development. The MfR initiative establishes relevant goals and objectives to drive employee satisfaction and motivation while promoting the safety and welfare of its citizens. Maricopa County remains in the forefront of establishing practices to attract and retain a quality workforce in order to convey the value it places on its employees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Maricopa County's management system that focuses upon achieving results for their customers.